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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Moore DATE TYPED 1/28/04 HB 144

SHORT TITLE Raise Public Works Art Acquisition Threshold SB _____

ANALYST Gilbert

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
			NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From
Cultural Affairs Department (CAD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 144 increases the construction project appropriation threshold in the Art in Public Places Act from \$100 thousand to \$250 thousand. It also strikes the requirement that the Arts Division of the Cultural Affairs Department (CAD) consult with contracting agencies when purchasing art for existing public buildings.

Significant Issues

Currently, art must be commissioned or purchased as a part of construction or renovation projects when appropriations exceed \$100 thousand, at a rate of 1% of total appropriations up to a maximum of \$200 thousand.

This bill would make slightly less funding available for artists who apply for projects through the Art in Public Places program. The New Mexico Arts Division would also no longer be required to consult with contracting agencies when art is purchased for existing public buildings.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

One percent of appropriations for projects between \$100 thousand and \$250 thousand would be available for actual construction costs, whereas no funding would be set aside for art in accordance with the Art in Public Places Act.

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